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said control terminal of said amplifying element and an anode terminal connected to the ground.

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12. (Amended) The power supply circuit according to claim 2, wherein said amplifying elements are MOS transistors.

13. (Amended) The power supply circuit according to claim 2, wherein said amplifying elements are operational amplifiers.

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claim 17 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and claims 4, 12, and 13 have been amended to more appropriately claim the invention. No new matter has been added. As a result of this Amendment, claims 1-16, and 18 remain pending.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), Applicant provides a marked-up version of the amended claims 4, 12, and 13 in the attached Appendix.

In the previous Office Action, the Examiner identified the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on December 31, 2002 as a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d). It appears that the Examiner is mistaken. A copy of the RCE Transmittal, as filed, is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants respectfully call the Examiner's attention to this discrepancy and ask him to correct the error.

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